(c) No decision has been taken as yet.

Approval for equity in Gujarat State Petronet Limited Company

2560. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) the number of proposals received by the Central Government for FIPB approval to invest in equity of Gujarat State Petronet Limited Company of Gujarat;

(b) the number of proposals which have been approved and the number of proposals which have been rejected or left pending and with reasons thereof;

(c) the number of applications received from Gujarat State Petronet Limited or Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited for appointment of competent authority under Petroleum and Mineral Pipeline Act;

(d) the number of applications which have been approved;

(e) the number of applications which have been rejected and with reasons thereof; and

(f) the number of proposals which are pending and since how long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of certain constitutional and legal implications, proposal was not agreed to.

(c) and (d) Only two (02) number of applications for appointment of competent authority under Petroleum and Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 were received from Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Limited, which have already been approved by the Government.

(e) Nil.

(f) Does not arise in view of (e) above.

Use of LPG in Rural Areas

†2561. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to promote the use of LPG in rural areas;

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.